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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY K.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT

REFS: A) TUNIS 6200; B) TUNIS 6204; C) TUNIS 6205

D) TUNIS 6206; E) TUNIS 6207

1. DEPARTMENT WILL PLAN RELEASE FOR TODAY OF ADDITION OF TUNIS TO SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST VISIT. RELEASE WILL MERELY STATE QUOTE THE SECRETARY HAS DECIDED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT, TO STOP IN TUNIS ON HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE FAR EAST. END QUOTE.

2. REGARDING QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE B, IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME TIGHTNESS OF THE SCHEDULE, WE UNABLE TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO STOP IN TUNISIA AND WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO STAY WITH THE PRESENT SCHEDULE, I.E., ARRIVAL 1700 LOCAL, DEPARTURE 1800 LOCAL. IN VIEW OF PLANS TO HAVE HONOR GUARD WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO DISSUADE TUNISIANS FROM HAVING EITHER SECRETARIAL INSPECTION OF THE HONOR GUARD OR MORE THAN THE MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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PERFUNCTORY AIRPORT CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT.

3. RE TUNIS 6205, WE WILL BE SENDING YOU SEPTTEL AIRCRAFT AND CREW LIST AND NORMAL INFORMATION ON AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CLEARANCE. SEPARATE TELEGRAM WILL ALSO DETAIL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND NAMES OF ENTIRE PARTY ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY. SAUNDERS WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY SECRETARY

DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME STAY IN TUNIS YOUR SUGGESTION THAT PROVISION OF VEHICLE FOR PICKERING TO COME TO THE EMBASSY AND DELIVERY TO AIRCRAFT OF CORRESPONDENCE AND CABLES IS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY AND NO FURTHER FACILITIES NEED BE REQUIRED. YOU ARE CORRECT NOVEMBER 6 RPT NOVEMBER 6 IS DATE OF ARRIVAL. AMBASSADOR WILL BE NOTE-TAKER AT MEETINGS WHICH HE ATTENDS.

4. 6206 BEING ANSWERED SEPARATELY.

5. 6207: PRESS GUIDANCE BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY, SECRETARY WILL MAKE DECISION EITHER SLIGHTLY BEFORE OR FOLLOWING ARRIVAL AS TO WHETHER HE WILL MAKE ANY PRESS REMARKS. PLEASE CHECK WITH AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY ON ARRIVAL ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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